GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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STATUTORY RATIONING SYSTEM
VARKALA RADHAKRISHNAN

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have received any request from the State of Kerela forcontinuing Statutory rationing system and supply of rice at subsidised rates;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Union Government thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI PRADHAN)

(a),(b)&(c): The Government of Kerala has raised various issues which inter alia include the request for covering all the families identified by the State Government under the below poverty line (BPL) category and reduction of prices for the above poverty line (APL) families to restore the PDS to its previous level.
Under the Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS), allocation of foodgrains for BPL families is based on the poverty estimates of the Planning Commission for the year 1993-94 based onpopulation projections of the Registrar General as on 1.3.2000 to all States/UTs, uniformly. Accordingly 32,268 MTs of food grains per month are being made under TPDS to Kerala for the15.54 lakhs estimated number of BPL families (including Antyodaya families) as on 1.3.2000. In addition, in respect of APL families the monthly allocation of food grains is 1,52,340 MTs.
The Central Issue Price (CIP) of food grains for APL category which was 100% on economic costw.e.f. 1.4.2000, has been reduced to 70% of the economic cost w.e.f. 12.7.2001. The CIP of APL rice which was at Rs.1130 per quintal has been reduced to Rs.830 per quintal. Moreover CIP of foodgrains under TPDS (APL and BPL) has not been increased inspite of increase in economic cost due tc increase in minimum support price (MSP)